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that correct, or did the director? Do you know?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The board originated the bill, it is my understanding.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the board is able to prevail upon those who are to be affected by this increase in fees, prevail upon them not to object, and the increase as far as the range is substantial, do you think we could enlist that board to talk to the members of the Legislature so that they would agree to an increase in taxes around here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or you don't want to answer that. Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'm not sure what's going to move this Legislature, frankly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you,...(laugh)...and that's all I will ask you on this bill. Members of the Legislature, this is a bill about which I don't have a great amount of expertise or any, in fact, so I had to kind of rely on Senator Beutler to give me the answers that I had. Now I'm going to ask him some questions about something that is apart from the bill, I think. Senator Beutler, this does not deal...well, I see John Daum of the Land Title Association.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would that...does this board deal with that company that the man who committed suicide operated? State Title?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, yes. They would be affected by this legislation in the sense that a part of their operation involves the business of abstracting. They would have registered abstractors, at least one hired at...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no. I meant the board does not have any regulatory authority over these companies, is that true or not?